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ABSTRACT

This manual is a resource book for organizers and leaders and parent groups who want to explore specific strategies to use to encourage children to view math as a "user-friendly" subject. The guide contains material necessary to conduct a 1- or 1.5-hour session to help parents see the importance of: showing their children how problem-solving math relates to everyday activities; helping their children see math as a thinking rather than a memorization process; looking over graded assignments and tests and praising children's efforts to learn; and making an enthusiastic effort to help children with homework assignments. The guide includes: (1) a leader's guide with presentation notes and a variety of activities for the session; (2) a reproducible written invitation for teachers to send home to parents; (3) handout masters; (4) 25 bookmarks; and (5) information about other products and services that will help foster parent involvement. A booklet containing relevant read-aloud stories, an audio tape, and a loose-leaf folder accompany the guide. (RS)

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